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Claims:

1. An unauthorized use prevention apparatus included in an information processing device, comprising:

a speech feature memory storing identifying speech feature data previously obtained from voice of an authorized user;

a password generator for generating a password which is a string of arbitrary characters;

a password notifying section for notifying a present user of the generated password;

a speech feature extractor for extracting speech feature data from voice of the present user to produce input speech feature data;

a speech feature comparator for comparing the input speech feature data to the identifying speech feature data to produce a speech feature comparison result;

a password comparator for comparing an input password obtained from the voice of the present user to the generated password to produce a password comparison result; and

a controller for determining whether to inhibit the use of the information processing device, depending on the speech feature comparison result and the password comparison result.

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2. The unauthorized use prevention apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the generated password is renewed each time the information processing device is put to use.

3. The unauthorized use prevention apparatus according to claim 1; wherein the password notifying section comprises a display section for displaying the generated password on screen so as to prompt the present user to sound out the generated password.

4. The unauthorized use prevention apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the password notifying section comprises a speech processor for sounding out the generated password through a speaker so as to prompt the present user to sound out the generated password.

5. The unauthorized use prevention apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information processing device is included in a communication device capable of voice communication.

6. The unauthorized use prevention apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the password generator generates a renewed password in response to a request operation of making a call.

7. The unauthorized use prevention apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the password generator generates a renewed

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password in response to a request operation of taking an incoming call.

8. The unauthorized use prevention apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

5 a database storing a plurality of entries, each of which includes address information accompanied with a password check flag,

wherein, when a request operation occurs, the controller searches the database for address information
10 related to the request operation and, when the password check flag accompanying the address information found indicates that password check is needed, starts an unauthorized use preventing operation.

9. A method for preventing unauthorized use of an
15 information processing device, comprising:

a) registering identifying speech feature data previously obtained from voice of an authorized user;

b) generating a password which is a string of arbitrary characters;

20 c) receiving voice of a present user sounding out the generated password;

d) comparing input speech feature data obtained from the voice of the present user to the identifying speech feature data to produce a speech feature comparison result;

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e) comparing an input password obtained from the voice of the present user to the generated password to produce a password comparison result; and

5 f) determining whether to inhibit the use of the information processing device, depending on the speech feature comparison result and the password comparison result.

10. The method according to claim 9, wherein the generated password is renewed each time the information processing device is put to use.

10 11. The method according to claim 9, wherein the generated password is displayed on a display of the information processing device so as to prompt the present user to sound out the generated password.

12. The method according to claim 9, wherein the
15 generated password is sounded out through a speaker of the information processing device so as to prompt the present user to sound out the generated password.

13. The method according to claim 9, further comprising:
storing a plurality of entries, each of which
20 includes address information accompanied with a password check flag;

when a request operation occurs, searching the

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plurality of entries for address information related to the request operation; and

when the password check flag accompanying the address information found indicates that password check

5 is needed, starting the steps b)-f).

14. A program instructing a computer to prevent unauthorized use of an information processing device, comprising:

- 10 a) registering identifying speech feature data previously obtained from voice of an authorized user;
- b) generating a password which is a string of arbitrary characters;
- c) receiving voice of a present user sounding out the generated password;
- 15 d) comparing input speech feature data obtained from the voice of the present user to the identifying speech feature data to produce a speech feature comparison result;
- e) comparing an input password obtained from the voice of the present user to the generated password to produce
- 20 a password comparison result; and
- f) determining whether to inhibit the use of the information processing device, depending on the speech feature comparison result and the password comparison result.

15. The program according to claim 14, wherein the

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generated password is renewed each time the information processing device is put to use.

16. The program according to claim 14, further comprising:

5 storing a plurality of entries, each of which includes address information accompanied with a password check flag;

when a request operation occurs, searching the plurality of entries for address information related to the
10 request operation; and

when the password check flag accompanying the address information found indicates that password check is needed, starting the steps b)-f).